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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, 2nd Floor
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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

**RE: Application of Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc. Pursuant to Sections 1102, 1329 and 507 of the Public Utility Code for Approval of its Acquisition of the Wastewater System Assets of the Delaware County Regional Water Quality Control Authority
Docket No. A-2019-3015173**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

On September 4, 2020, Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc. ("Aqua") filed a Petition for Reconsideration of Staff Action ("Petition") regarding the order issued by the Chief Administrative Law Judge ("CALJ") on August 31, 2020 in the above-referenced proceeding.

On September 10, 2020, the Office of Small Business Advocate ("OSBA") filed an answer to Aqua's Petition and asked the Commission to deny the Petition. Among other reasons, the OSBA asserted that Aqua conceded that the CALJ had legal authority to extend statutory deadlines during the extraordinary circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic.

On September 22, 2020, the Office of Consumer Advocate ("OCA") also filed an answer to Aqua's Petition and asked the Commission to deny the Petition. Among other reasons, the OCA explained that the pandemic and delays associated with remote working, as well as the complexity of and various issues in Aqua's application, justify an extension in the procedural schedule in this proceeding.

Delaware County agrees with the OSBA and OCA and respectfully asks the Commission to deny Aqua's Petition, consistent with the reasons and rationale in the Answers of OSBA and OCA.

As shown by the attached Certificate of Service and per the Commission's March 20, 2020, Emergency Order, all parties to this proceeding are being duly served via email only due to the current COVID-19 pandemic. Upon lifting of the aforementioned Emergency Order, we can provide parties with a hard copy of this document upon request.

Sincerely,

McNEES WALLACE & NURICK LLC

By 

Adeolu A. Bakare

c: Honorable Angela T. Jones
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I hereby certify that I am this day serving a true copy of the foregoing document upon the participants listed below in accordance with the requirements of Section 1.54 (relating to service by a participant).

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